Annual Report 2026





CONNECTED THROUGH PURPOSE









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Board Chair & CEO Letter



Half a billion dollars.

That's the value of surplus food Second Harvest rescued and redistributed to our non-profit partners in 2026. That's 126 million pounds of fresh, healthy food, reaching over 16,000 community programs and supporting 7.2 million individuals from coast to coast to coast.

More than just numbers, this is a story about what we can accomplish when we come together with a shared purpose of radically improving Canada's food system.

And this is only possible because of you, our donors, partners, volunteers and staff. THANK YOU! Time and time again, you show up and remind us of something powerful: community and connection are stronger than the challenges we face.

This collective strength inspired us and fuelled the progress in the first year of our new three-year strategic plan. With you by our side, we expanded our reach and deepened our partnerships, laying the groundwork for the years ahead, even as global uncertainty sends ripple effects across our domestic food system and persistent economic pressures strain Canadian households and the support network they rely on.

That pressure is clear. "The State of Food Charity in Canada" survey, conducted by Ipsos for Second Harvest, found that nine in ten organizations experienced increased demand for food. The new data also highlights the important gap filled by food rescue: nearly half of the organizations surveyed do not receive support through the federal, provincial or regional food bank network. Together, they form a broad ecosystem of community organizations helping people access food and other essential services, such as housing, health and education.

We saw the extraordinary power of collective action through Race to Rescue this year, our largest public awareness campaign to date. One hundred ambassadors, including chefs, athletes, entrepreneurs and changemakers, rallied their communities around the urgent goal of raising funds to rescue more food across the country. Their participation created a national moment of awareness for food rescue and invited Canadians to be part of the fight against hunger.

This year, we continued to strengthen our research and advocacy efforts to address the systemic challenges that allow good food to go to waste in the first place. We released the "Date Coding and Food Waste Research Report", which examined

how Canada's food labelling standards compare with international best practices and highlighted that modernizing date coding was an important part of a comprehensive, coordinated approach to food waste reduction.

Findings from the report informed our national advocacy campaign, which called for a food waste reduction framework within Canada's first-ever National Food Security Strategy. While the strategy announced does not include specific food waste measures, we are encouraged by the many Canadians who added their voices to this important conversation and we are thrilled to have been invited to the announcement made by the Prime Minister in June.

These achievements give us hope for what comes next. The progress we made this year would not have been possible without the people who stand behind this work every day, whether through financial contributions, food donations, volunteer hours or by sharing our work with others. We are deeply grateful for your support and the many ways you show up for our shared vision.

As we look to the year ahead, we do so with determination, hope and a renewed focus on our mission. Together, we can rescue more food, feed more people and build a more resilient food system in Canada.

Richard and Lori











Our vision:
No Waste. No Hunger.

Our mission:

To keep food where it belongs:
on plates and out of landfills

Our values:

Innovation

We lead with bold ideas and creative solutions to tackle food waste, strengthen food security and protect our environment, revolutionizing food rescue and redistribution. Through innovative use of technology, we drive efficiency and amplify our impact at every stage of our work.

Impact

We focus on real, measurable change so that every action we take helps feed people and protect our planet. We measure our success not only by the amount of food rescued, but by the positive outcomes we create for communities across Canada.

Integrity

We act with transparency and accountability, honouring the trust of our donors, partners and communities. We strive to work collaboratively with non-profits, government and industry to reduce waste and build a stronger, more sustainable food system.

Our Strategic Plan in Action

This year marked the first year of Second Harvest's 2026-2028 Strategic Plan, a roadmap focused on scaling food rescue, reducing food waste and its environmental impact and ensuring more good food reaches people in need.

Building on the success of our previous strategy, our new plan focuses on two priorities: **rescuing more food and feeding more people** and **being a catalyst for change**. Together, these priorities reflect our commitment to meeting immediate food needs while driving long-term changes for a stronger, more sustainable food system.

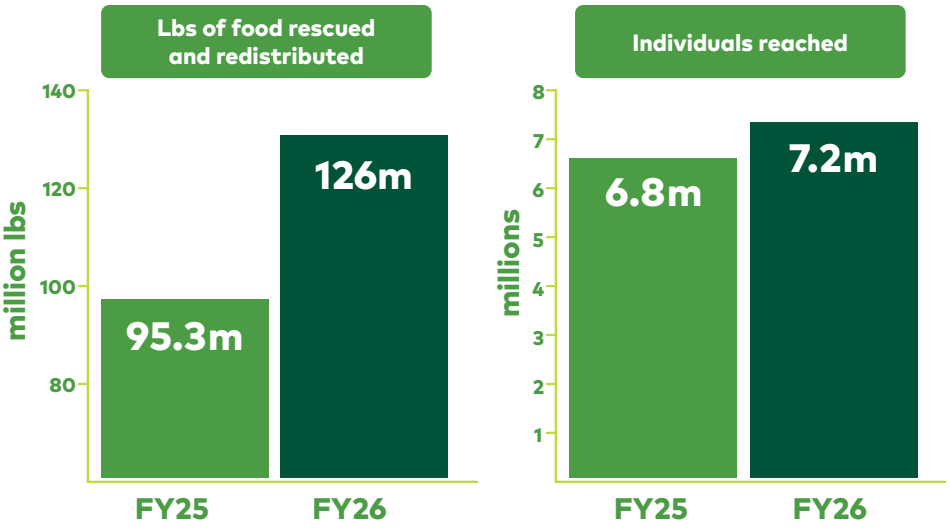
Priority #1: Rescue More Food, Feed More People

Our goal: Rescue and redistribute over **100 million pounds of food annually by 2028.**

Rescue more food and get it where it's needed most

Second Harvest rescued and redistributed **126 million pounds** of surplus food, valued at **$564 million**, supporting **7.2 million Canadians**.

This work is powered by a growing network of over **11,100 donors**, from farmers and manufacturers to retailers and foodservice operators.





Turning farm surplus into year-round support

We worked with **111 farm donors** across the country to ensure more fresh, nutritious food can reach communities all year round. We also collaborated with regional processors to process and pack **over 4.5 million** pounds of produce for easier distribution.

Harnessing technology to fight food waste

Innovation has helped us scale this work efficiently. Artificial intelligence and automation generated **over $150,000** in organizational value by reducing manual administrative work. That allowed staff to focus more time on food rescue, partner support and other mission-critical activities.

Priority #2: Be a Catalyst for Change

Our goal: Build knowledge, shape policy, support frontline organizations and advance solutions for a more resilient food system.

Rescuing more food addresses an immediate need, but lasting change requires tackling the systems that contribute to food waste and food insecurity in the first place. Through research, education, advocacy and collaboration, Second Harvest is helping create a food system that values food as a resource, reduces environmental impacts and works better for people and the planet.

Change the conversation

We continued to strengthen our role as a trusted voice on food waste.

In May, we released the "Date Coding and Food Waste Research Report" to highlight date coding best practices around the world and opportunities for change in Canada. Following the research, we launched a national advocacy campaign encouraging Canadians to support stronger food security policies.

Education and knowledge sharing are also central to changing the conversation. This year, we reached **42,207 Canadians** through training and education initiatives for the general public, non-profits and corporate groups across the country.

Shape systems that work for people and the planet

We worked with government, industry and community organizations to advance practical solutions. To keep food rescue part of the national conversation, we engaged elected officials and public servants through committee appearances, presentations and policy discussions.

Our work to build a more consistent approach to measuring and managing food loss and waste also advanced this year with the release of **CSA K100**, Canada's national standard for food loss and waste terminology and measurement, and **ISO 20001**, the first global standard for food loss and waste management system.

Support frontline organizations

Food rescue continues to fill an important resource gap for our non-profit partners.

A national survey conducted in partnership with Ipsos across Second Harvest's non-profit network found that **36% of the food available at surveyed organizations comes from Second Harvest.**

The findings also reflect the breadth of our network. **Nearly half (49%) of our non-profit partners do not access food or other supports through the federal, provincial or regional food bank network**. They are part of a broad ecosystem of community organizations helping people access food and other essential services, such as housing, health and education.



Building a Stronger Future for Children and Youth

Every child deserves access to nutritious food at school, at summer camp and in their community. Working with partners across the country, we help ensure children have the food they need to learn, grow and thrive.

Second Harvest helped strengthen school food programs at **1,153 schools** across Canada, **supporting over 350,000 students**.

In Toronto, our partnership with the Toronto Foundation for Student Success helped food reach 100 schools, serving an average of 258 students per school over the past year.

For 26 years, **Feeding Our Future**, our summer meal program, has helped address summer hunger when school-based food programs are unavailable. In 2026, we provided **32,738 nutritious lunches** to more than **2,400 children and youth** attending summer camps across the Greater Toronto Area.

Last year, we also expanded the program to Winnipeg and Calgary, where corporate and community volunteers came together to pack **20,000 healthy snack packs** for **3,000 children and youth**.

2.6M
Children & Youth
supported through our national food rescue network

368,938
Students
supported through funding from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC)

52,738
Healthy Meals and Snacks
provided through our Feeding Our Future program in the Greater Toronto Area, Winnipeg and Calgary







Building Capacity to Nourish More Communities

Rescuing food is essential. Transforming food that cannot easily be redistributed in its original form is the next step in Second Harvest's evolution.

In 2026, we received funding from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to begin the construction of a new food processing facility at our Etobicoke warehouse, bringing together food rescue, Canadian agriculture and social enterprise to transform surplus food into nutritious products, support school food programs and nourish more communities. Recognizing the facility's potential to strengthen our food system, additional funders and partners came on board.

The facility has the capacity to process up to **750,000 pounds of fresh produce annually.** It will help extend the usefulness of suitable surplus food, create new pathways for Canadian-grown produce and strengthen connections among growers, food businesses, schools and community organizations.

Built on a social enterprise model, the facility is also designed to produce affordable, nutritious food for students, while generating revenue to reinvest in Second Harvest's charitable mission. Through the Toronto Foundation for Student Success partnership, it is expected to help provide **28,000 students** with healthy fruits and vegetables.

Through this food processing facility, we are strengthening the entire food system, reducing waste, improving food access and creating lasting impact for people and the planet.

The John and Myrna Daniels Foundation: Keeping Good Food Moving

Founded in 2015 by philanthropists and visionary business leaders John and Myrna Daniels, the John and Myrna Daniels Foundation has a longstanding commitment to strengthening communities through strategic investments that create a legacy of impact. The foundation's support of Second Harvest reflects that belief: by investing in the capacity behind food rescue, it is ensuring more good food can reach people who need it most.

Food rescue is a race against time. Much of the food Second Harvest recovers is fresh and highly perishable, making reliable transportation critical. Every day, our trucks travel across the Greater Toronto Area and Ontario, collecting surplus from farms, manufacturers, distributors, retailers and other businesses and delivering it to non-profit organizations in their communities.

The foundation's investment in our fleet has strengthened this backbone of our operations, and its true value is also reflected in our ability to say yes: to more non-profit organizations and more opportunities to rescue food that might otherwise go to waste. It means being able to move fresh, nutritious food safely and efficiently to communities where it can make a difference.

Since 2021, trucks funded by the John and Myrna Daniels Foundation have collectively delivered more than 11.8 million pounds of food, allowing us to expand our delivery routes to serve more non-profit organizations.

The increased capacity is especially important as the need for support continues to grow. Over the past year, Second Harvest rescued 60 million pounds of surplus food across Ontario alone, with more than 37 million pounds redistributed throughout the GTA. Notably, 83 per cent of it was perishable and nutrition dense, ingredients that contribute to a healthy, balanced diet but are increasingly out of reach for many households.

We are deeply grateful to the John and Myrna Daniels Foundation for helping build the infrastructure that makes this life-changing work possible. Their continued partnership drives our mission forward, keeping more food on plates and out of landfills.



How the Centre for Immigrant & Community Services Builds Connection in the GTA

"I always say it's a bit of a minor miracle story," Alfred Lam, executive director at the Centre for Immigrant and Community Services (CICS), said with a smile. "We started in Chinatown 58 years ago, when a group of students saw newcomers who didn't speak English and were facing many struggles."

What began as interpretation and language support has grown into a multi-service organization serving more than 20,000 people each year across eight locations in the GTA.

Led by Victoria Liu, community health manager, CICS's food program launched in 2020 as a temporary response to urgent need but has since become permanent.

With around a quarter of their clients following a halal diet, Victoria ensures halal meats and vegetarian options are available and safely stored. For seniors, she focuses on improving health literacy and access to familiar, culturally appropriate produce.

In the spring and summer, gardening programs take place outdoors and in the organization's greenhouse. Community members are invited to grow their own seedlings. Vegetables are then distributed through the food bank.

When the Second Harvest truck arrives on Fridays, drivers work with Victoria to identify produce that will resonate with clients and feel familiar and easy to prepare.

"In Chinese culture, for thousands of years, mealtimes and the dinner table have brought people together," Alfred said. "From planning a wedding to navigating business deals, so much happens around the table. Food is a central part of our identity and how we connect as a community."

At the same time, Alfred acknowledged the challenges many people face when accessing food programs.

"Food is a basic human right that everyone should enjoy," he said. "But there's still stigma. In our culture, there can be a strong sense of honour and shame, and visiting a food bank is not something people always feel comfortable talking about."

That's why CICS works intentionally to create an environment where people feel respected and included.

"We want to eliminate that sense of otherness," Alfred said. "It's an ongoing education for all of us."

He recalled a moment from a garden event, where staff, clients and local leaders came together to celebrate what they had grown.

"I turned around and saw our MPP speaking with one of our clients," he said. "They were standing next to an eggplant, talking about how their families used to grow eggplant when they were kids, sharing recipes and stories."

"In that moment, there was no longer an MPP and a newcomer client, just people connecting over food, heritage and memory," he added. "When we make it possible for people to come together on equal footing, that's how community gets built."





Base Gatineau Turns Immediate Food Support into Lasting Community Connections







At Base Gatineau, a community food bank located in Gatineau, QC, food support begins with urgency, but it rarely ends there.

Behind every visit, the team understands, are pressures that rarely exist in isolation.

"It's people that have reasonably good jobs, but they're going through a bad phase," Frédérick Gates, executive director at Base Gatineau, shared. "It takes all their courage to ask for help."

Each day, the organization supports around 50 households, reaching roughly 150 to 200 people with essential food assistance. For children, approximately 800 school lunches are prepared and distributed every month, helping ensure consistent access to nutritious food throughout the school day.

Alongside this direct food support, social workers at Base Gatineau take time to understand each person's situation, assessing whether they need short-term or longer-term assistance and connecting them with community partners who can help address the root causes of their challenges.

Increasingly, the focus is on prevention. Providing food assistance can help people stretch limited budgets so they can cover essentials like rent, utilities and other basic needs, rather than having to choose between food and housing. These efforts are strengthened through their partnership with Second Harvest.

"Second Harvest has become essential to us," Frédérick explained.

Since the beginning of their partnership in 2022, Base Gatineau has rescued over 20,000 pounds of good, surplus food.

A donation of living lettuce once provided far more than Base Gatineau could use on its own. The shipment required coordination with multiple partners, turning a logistical moment into a shared community response.

"It created a buzz — people were talking about us who had never heard about the food bank before."

For Base Gatineau, moments like this capture what makes the partnership with Second Harvest so meaningful.

"It's not only about the food — it creates relationships," Frédérick said.

Making Room to Breathe: Supporting Families Across Prince Edward Island







Just five minutes from the airport in Charlottetown sits an unassuming storage facility.

Inside, furniture, clothing, food items and other essential goods are gathered, sorted and shared to support individuals and families across the Island — part of the organization's commitment to making a difference through everyday acts of kindness.

"From tip to tip," Betty Begg-Brooks, founder of Gifts from the Heart Inc., explained, describing the reach of the organization's work on PEI. "We have 3,500 families that access our services, plus three community fridges."

Now in her 80s, Betty has been making sure people in her community have what they need for the last 60 years.

For many, Gifts from the Heart has become the place to turn to when help is needed.

"Gifts from the Heart is this local, central hub, where if something happens in the community, people aren't wondering what they're going to do to help," Jordan MacPhee, volunteer board member and owner of Maple Bloom Farms, shared.

That sense of community support runs deep across the Island.

"It's an Island of givers and carers," said Leigh Reed, vice president of Gifts from the Heart.

Still, he added, the organization faces ever-increasing challenges.

On Prince Edward Island, more than 24% of the population — about 43,000 Islanders — live in households struggling to afford enough food, according to Statistics Canada.

A partnership with Second Harvest, beginning in 2020, has helped expand the organization's ability to meet that growing need. Volunteers help make that work possible every day.

"If [Betty] needs a hand here or there, I usually come running," Bryce Arsenault, a dedicated volunteer, shared. "Anything she needs I'd be happy to do for her."

Bryce regularly drives donations from Gifts from the Heart's main location to community fridges across the Island. Recently, he's arrived to find empty fridges, and people waiting.

Since joining Second Harvest's network, Gifts from the Heart has rescued and distributed over 104,400 pounds of good food, getting it to people who need it across the Island.

"If we can take one thing off their bottom line that enables them just to breathe, then we have done our job," Leigh reflected. "More than that, it's about letting them know that they're not alone. Everyone is important that comes through that door."



How Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank Is Expanding Food Recovery Across Coastal B.C.

"We really believe in food recovery. There is enough food out there. It's just a distribution problem of getting it sorted and getting it out to people who need it," said Peter Sinclair, executive director of Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank.

Since 1998, the Nanaimo-based organization has grown from a small local operation into one of the largest food recovery and redistribution networks along the West Coast. Today, Loaves & Fishes supports more than 2,000 people every week, distributing food across Vancouver Island and beyond.

Every morning, three truck routes head out to collect surplus food from local donors. Alongside those daily rescue routes from grocery stores, Loaves & Fishes also receives large volumes of rescued food through Second Harvest, including surplus produce from the Okanagan Valley.

Since joining the Second Harvest network in 2019, Loaves & Fishes has rescued more than 3.5 million pounds of surplus food, helping expand access to fresh, nutritious food across the communities it serves.

The organization distributes food through two main streams.

In the first stream, food moves from the warehouse directly to 11 community markets that operate at 13 different times throughout the week, including evenings and weekends.

The second stream supports community kitchens, schools, Indigenous communities and non-profits. They can access food at the warehouse at no cost, allowing them to redirect funding toward other essential services.

Supporting a vast region can involve long and complex journeys, including hours of driving and ferry travel to reach remote coastal communities. But rather than scaling back, Loaves & Fishes is growing its capacity to take on even more food recovery opportunities.

The organization is currently building a new 24,000-square-foot warehouse, four times the size of its previous facility. The additional space will allow the team to move more food throughout its network.

"It will allow us to say yes to more big volume donations from Second Harvest," said Alex Counsell, director of operations, noting a recent donation of 18 pallets of cherries.

For Peter, the impact of food recovery is measured not only in pounds of food rescued but in the experiences of the people who receive it.

He recently checked in with an individual visiting the food bank who shared that thanks to Loaves & Fishes, they were able to have cheese for the first time in five years and it brought them to tears. As Loaves & Fishes continues to grow, the organization hopes its success can demonstrate what's possible when communities invest in food recovery at scale.

"Our hope is that we can prove a model of large-scale food collection and distribution across the BC coast and have the results of that model be so persuasive that that model can be replicated across the province and country," Peter said.

4th ANNUAL FOOD RESCUE AWARDS



In February, we gathered for Second Harvest's fourth annual Food Rescue Awards to celebrate a remarkable year of impact with the people who made it possible.



With 53 recipients across 15 award categories, the evening honoured the people behind those numbers: the businesses, organizations and individuals across our network working to ensure food reaches communities from coast to coast to coast.

Among the recipients are 14 non-profit partners who work tirelessly every day to ensure rescued food is distributed through dignified, community-driven programs that nourish individuals and families across the country.



Guiding us through the evening was Entertainment Reporter for The Morning Show and Global News Morgan Hoffman, whose energy and warmth set the tone for a celebration rooted in community, collaboration and shared purpose.

To our food and financial donors, volunteers, partners and supporters: THANK YOU. Your generosity and dedication are what power us in getting good food to people who need it, every single day.





4th ANNUAL FOOD RESCUE AWARDS

All-In Award

Loblaw Companies Limited

Food Partner of the Year Award

Sobeys Inc.

Fund Partner of the Year Award

Gary Slaight and The Slaight Family Foundation

Harvest Hero Award

TD Bank Group

Corporate Volunteer Award

- Amazon
- First National Financial LP

Essential Harvester Award

- Michael Grimes
- Naila Varawalla

Leader in Logistics Award

- Conestoga Cold Storage
- Lineage Logistics

Purposeful Partnership Award

LCBO & Employees

Frontline Impact Award

- Alberta: The Guiding Light Women Empowerment Society
- British Columbia: Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank
- Manitoba: Winkler and District Food Cupboard
- New Brunswick: L'Atelier R.A.D.O. Inc.
- Newfoundland and Labrador: Single Parent Association of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Nova Scotia: Twelve Baskets Food Bank Association
- Northwest Territories: Food Rescue Yellowknife
- Nunavut: Niqinik Nuatsivik Nunavut Food Bank
- Ontario: Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre
- Prince Edward Island: Gifts from the Heart Inc.
- Quebec: La Bouchée généreuse
- Saskatchewan: Moosomin Food Share
- Toronto: Tamogo Canada
- Yukon: Bethany Church

WINNERS

Impact Award

- Farm Credit Canada
- East Gwillimbury Distribution Centre
- Lindt & Sprüngli Canada Inc
- Compass Group Canada
- Haven Greens
- Gay Lea Foods
- Chick-fil-A Canada
- KFC Canada
- ShareLife and the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto

Transformative Contributions Award

- Sprott Foundation
- The Nikita Foundation
- Arrell Family Foundation

Milestone Award

- Starbucks Coffee Company
- Sobeys Inc. - Whitby RSC
- Moneris

Farm Fresh Award

- Beaver Creek Farms Ltd.
- Four Seasons Potato Ltd.
- Heartland Fresh Pak
- Hood Farms Ltd.
- J.P. Wiebe Ltd.
- King Spud Potato Transport Ltd
- Kroeker Farms Ltd.
- L.A. Quality Products Ltd.
- McIntosh Ventures
- Owen Potato Co. Ltd.
- Spud Plains Farms Ltd.

Kindness In-Kind Award

Purolator Inc.

Packaged with Care Award

Kraft Heinz Canada



Advocating for Change

Canada's food system is at a pivotal moment. Through research, policy leadership and cross-sector collaboration, Second Harvest is advocating for the changes needed to build a more resilient, equitable and sustainable food system in Canada.



CEO Lori Nikkel appeared before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food in Ottawa to share recommendations on strengthening food security in the face of global instability.

We brought our expertise and recommendations to policymakers, including:

- Engaging senior federal officials on food waste and food system policy.
- Contributing recommendations to the **Next Policy Framework**, which guides agricultural programming across Canada.
- Successfully including non-profit eligibility and food rescue considerations in the $1-billion **Food-Link Fund**.
- Providing recommendations through the **Federal Sustainable Development Strategy consultation.**
- Participating in the **2026 federal pre-budget consultations**, advocating for investment in local food infrastructure and domestic food processing.
- Sharing our experience in food rescue and exploring how policy and collaboration can reduce food waste and keep more good food in the food system at the **Opportunity of Food Waste: Law and Policy Solutions** policy forum.



On June 11, 2026, Lori Nikkel joined Prime Minister Mark Carney and government leaders at the Ontario Food Terminal in Toronto for the announcement of Canada's first National Food Security Strategy.

Setting the Standard for Reducing Food Waste

Second Harvest is helping establish a common language and consistent measurement for food loss and waste in Canada and internationally.

CSA K100 — Canada's first national standard for food loss and waste terminology and measurement

Through our leadership role as vice-chair of CSA Group's food loss and waste committee, we led the development of CSA K100, Canada's first national standard for food loss and waste terminology and measurement. This provides a consistent approach for businesses, governments and organizations to measure, manage and reduce food loss and waste across the country.

ISO 20001 — an international standard for food loss and waste management system

Second Harvest brought Canadian expertise to the development of the world's first international standard for food loss and waste. In May, we hosted the final ISO/TC 34/SC 20 Plenary and Working Groups' meetings ahead of the standard's publication in September 2026.





Turning Research Into Action

In May, we released the "Date Coding and Food Waste Research Report", examining how Canada's food labelling standards compare with international best practices.

The research found that Canada lacks a coordinated national approach to food waste reduction that exists in many peer countries.

We turned those findings into action in a national advocacy campaign, calling on the federal government to include food waste reduction in Canada's first National Food Security Strategy.

Nearly 1,000 Canadians emailed their Members of Parliament in support of action on food waste.

While the National Food Security Strategy did not ultimately include specific food waste measures, the campaign helped keep food waste on the national agenda and demonstrated growing public support for practical solutions.

By connecting evidence with advocacy and Canadians with decision-makers, we are building momentum for a food system where less food is wasted and more food reaches people in need.

Our Impact

From Coast to Coast to Coast

Northwest Territories

15 communities
34 non-profits
35,000+ meals
53,000+ lbs of GHGs
Equal to **8** cars taken off the road

Yukon

3 communities
10 non-profits
84,000+ meals
192,000+ lbs of GHGs
Equal to **29** cars taken off the road

British Columbia

104 communities
526 non-profits
13.6 million+ meals
40.2 million+ lbs of GHGs
Equal to **6,108** cars taken off the road

Alberta

92 communities
463 non-profits
16.9 million+ meals
50.7 million+ lbs of GHGs
Equal to **7,702** cars taken off the road



Saskatchewan

48 communities
207 non-profits
5.1 million+ meals
17.8 million+ lbs of GHGs
Equal to **2,700** cars taken off the road

Manitoba

76 communities
340 non-profits
9.1 million+ meals
24.8 million+ lbs of GHG
Equal to **3,774** cars taken



Nunavut

25 communities
39 non-profits
173,000+ meals

Prince Edward Island

17 communities
44 non-profits
176,000+ meals
944,000+ lbs of GHGs
Equal to **143** cars taken off the road

Quebec

96 communities
200 non-profits
13.9 million+ meals
32.9 million+ lbs of GHGs
Equal to **5,000** cars taken off the road

Newfoundland and Labrador

56 communities
118 non-profits
743,000+ meals
2.3 million+ lbs of GHGs
Equal to **359** cars taken off the road

Nova Scotia

73 communities
177 non-profits
2.7 million+ meals
10.2 million+ lbs of GHGs
Equal to **1,548** cars taken off the road

New Brunswick

38 communities
88 non-profits
3.7 million+ meals
10.3 million+ lbs of GHGs
Equal to **1,573** cars taken off the road

Ontario

283 communities
1,794 non-profits
58 million+ meals
210.9 million+ lbs of GHGs
Equal to **31,994** cars taken off the road

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off the road

Impact Highlights

2026

$564 million
worth of food was rescued and redistributed

349,000+
meals provided per day (avg.)

126 million lbs
of food rescued and redistributed

85 billion+
litres of water saved

11,100+
food donors

368,938
students supported through school food programs

7.2 million
people supported in Canada

87%
of food donations were perishable

66%
of food rescued and redistributed was produce, protein and dairy

402 million lbs
of GHGs averted from the atmosphere

16,000+
non-profit programs supported by a Second Harvest delivery

$1 = 5 meals
Every $1 donated to Second Harvest helps us rescue and redistribute enough food for 5 meals.







Sharing Our Expertise

Second Harvest continues to be a trusted voice on food rescue, food insecurity and food waste across Canada. This year, our team shared research, practical expertise and innovative solutions with governments, industry leaders, educators and community organizations, helping shape conversations about the future of Canada's food system.

Leading Conversations Across Canada

Restaurants Canada Show 2026:

CEO Lori Nikkel spoke on the "Women Who Lead with Strategies for Lasting Impact" panel, sharing insights on authentic leadership, emotional intelligence and creating meaningful impact beyond organizational growth.

Food Producers of Canada Annual Conference:

Lori delivered a keynote address highlighting food rescue and redistribution, focusing on aligning farmers, manufacturers and innovators to tackle food waste and bolster national food security.

Global Cold Chain Alliance Connection:

Lori joined the "Food Rescue Partnership Panel" sharing how collaboration across the food industry can reduce food waste, overcome operational challenges and strengthen food rescue efforts.



JustFOOD Halifax Network Gathering:

Operations Manager (Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador) spoke at this forum, which connects regional food actors through collaborative workshops and community networks in Halifax, NS.

Canadian Potato Council and the United Potato Growers Association Presentation:

Senior Foodraising Manager (Prairies) presented Second Harvest's "From the Farm" program in Ottawa, ON.

Alberta Potato Conference and Tradeshow:

Senior Foodraising Manager (Prairies) represented Second Harvest as a speaker, highlighting our partnerships with farmers across the country in Red Deer, AB.

Guelph Organic Conference:

Director of National Foodraising joined award-winning donor Jessica Wynn-Pfenning of Pfenning's Organic Vegetables Inc. on a panel entitled "Beyond Waste: The Power of Collaboration" in Guelph, ON.

Meat & Poultry Ontario Industry Day and AGM:

Director of National Foodraising gave a presentation addressing the importance of protein donations in food recovery in Elora, ON.

Danforth Multifaith Commons Speaker Series:

Senior Operations Manager (Toronto) was a panellist on a food security panel, where he highlighted strategies to strengthen food security and shared recent research on avoidable food waste in Toronto, ON.



Waste Not! Addressing Food Waste Across Newfoundland and Labrador's Food System:

Foodraising Manager (Atlantic Canada) participated in a panel focused on food waste across the Newfoundland and Labrador's agricultural, retail and community sectors in St John's, NL.

Second Harvest out in the Community

Across Canada, Second Harvest connected with thousands of people through events, partnerships and community activations that raised awareness, inspired action and helped rescue more food for communities in need.

Canadian Western Agribition

At Agribition, our team connected with farmers, producers and industry leaders to showcase the power of food rescue. The event strengthened relationships across the agricultural sector while highlighting the important role farmers play in reducing food waste and feeding communities.





The Edmonton Oilers Mega 50/50

Our partnership with the Edmonton Oilers continued this year, reaching hockey fans through in-arena content, broadcast, digital promotion and community engagement. As the charitable recipient of an Oilers Mega 50/50, we introduced thousands of fans to Second Harvest's mission while raising critical funds to support food rescue in Alberta.

The Second Harvest Truck Pull Challenge

This year saw the best and biggest Truck Pull Challenge in our history with 75 registered teams and a total of 840 participants. The event featured an additional pulling lane, a refreshment garden, new games and activations, as well as appearances from some of Toronto's favourite sports teams' mascots!



Food Rescue at FIFA World Cup 2026™

As Toronto's official food rescue partner for select FIFA World Cup 2026™ locations, we worked with event organizers and food truck vendors to rescue 36,324 pounds of food.

These efforts prevented 123,715 pounds of greenhouse gases from entering the atmosphere — an equivalent of removing 19 cars from the road for a year — and preserved 23.5 million litres of water.



Volunteers Make It Possible

Behind every successful event and community food rescue effort is a team of dedicated volunteers.

From welcoming guests and sharing our mission to sorting and moving food, volunteers play a crucial role in our work. Their time, energy and enthusiasm help us reach more people and strengthen our presence in communities.

We're grateful to every volunteer who showed up, pitched in and made 2026 another impactful year.



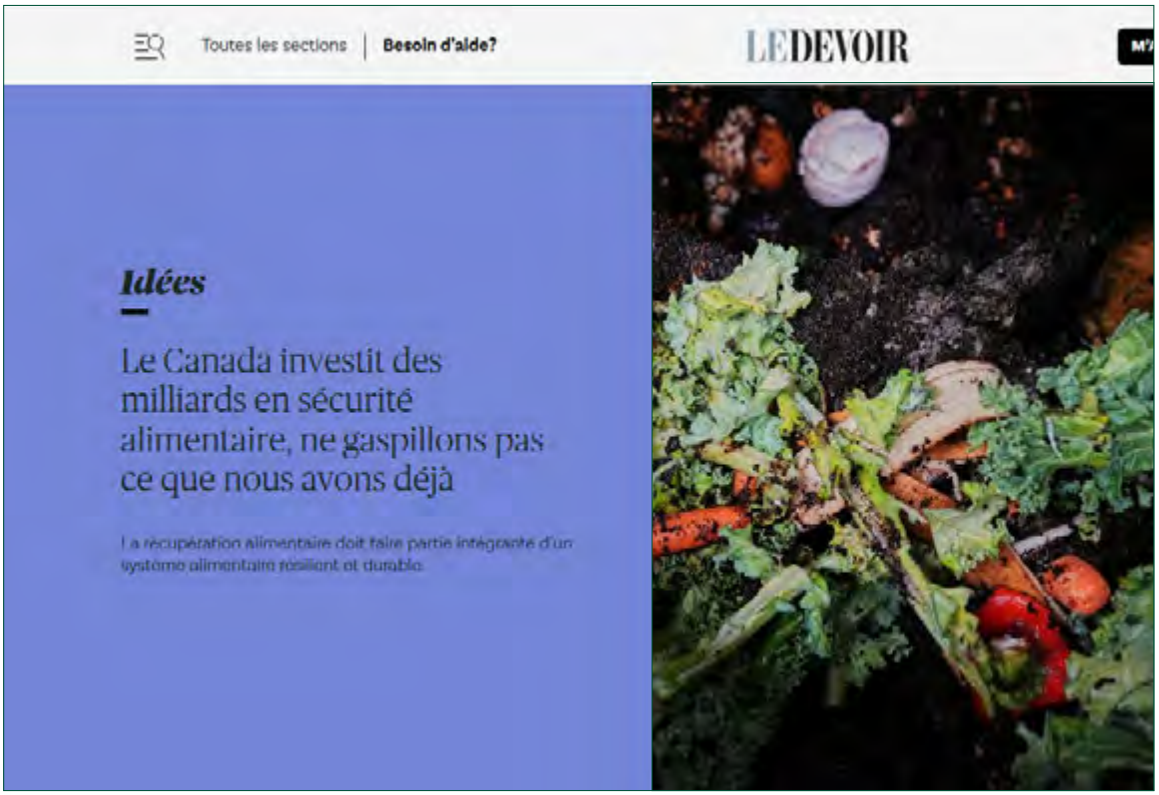
In the Media



In 2026, Second Harvest received 3,573 media mentions. Highlights include coverage of Second Harvest's "Date Coding and Food Waste Research Report", Race to Rescue campaign and stories of food rescue across Canada.

CBC Radio-Canada · CBC · CTV NEWS · Global NEWS · LE DEVOIR







WATCH: Nearly a quarter of all food wasted happens over confusion of 'best before' labels and 'expiration date' labels – May 13, 2026











ARLENE DICKINSON

Inspires Businesses to be a Force for Good

For Arlene Dickinson, the fight against food insecurity is personal. After immigrating to Canada with her family as a child, she grew up in a household where food was not always on the table. That experience has stayed with her, shaping her commitment to helping others and ensuring more people have access to good food.

Today, as one of Canada's most recognized business leaders, entrepreneurs and advocates for the Canadian food and beverage industry, Arlene is using her influence to make a difference.

Arlene became a Second Harvest Ambassador in October 2023, when she joined us in launching our Give Thanks campaign. Her commitment to our mission has continued ever since, bringing her voice and passion for food to the fight against hunger and food waste.

During the 2025 holiday season, Arlene led a fundraising campaign that raised more than $450,000 for Second Harvest. With a matching gift from the Nikita Foundation, those donations were doubled, helping provide enough food to rescue and redistribute 4.5 million meals. In May 2026, she joined our inaugural Race to Rescue alongside 100 ambassadors across the country.

Beyond fundraising, Arlene regularly lends her voice to Second Harvest to raise awareness on food insecurity and food waste, amplifying our messages and campaigns. She appeared in and voiced our public service announcement and became the face of our outreach to Canada's food manufacturing and processing sector, encouraging businesses to see surplus food not as waste, but as an opportunity to feed people, reduce environmental impact and create meaningful change.

We are deeply grateful to Arlene for her generosity, leadership and unwavering commitment to our mission. By sharing her personal experience and inspiring others to take action, she demonstrates how business leaders can be a powerful force for good.



Race to Rescue: A Collective Effort to Keep Good Food Where It Belongs

In May, Second Harvest launched **Race to Rescue**, our largest national awareness campaign that brought together 100 ambassadors from vastly different industries and experiences, united by a shared urgent mission: **to raise funds to rescue enough food for 1 million meals.**

Over two extraordinary weeks, including an initial 100-hour sprint, the ambassadors used their platforms to rally thousands of Canadians to take action against hunger.

From Chris Hadfield and Shania Twain to Matty Matheson, Autumn Peltier and Mitch Marner, alongside farmers, content creators and changemakers across Canada — every ambassador lent their voice to the cause.

Together they raised enough funds for close to a million meals at 804,981.

We are deeply grateful to all the ambassadors and their supporters who helped make this race possible. Thanks to you, we can continue to move surplus food to where it is needed most.



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RACE TO RESCUE



From Orchard to Table:
How 17,400 Pounds of Nova Scotia Apples Found a Second Life

In the Annapolis Valley, on a stretch of land that sat abandoned for over a century, Naeem Khan turned his hobby into what's now known as Eco Ponds Organics, a 50-acre farm where he grows a variety of apples, grapes and berries. It's also the starting point of a journey that would carry 17,400 pounds of apples from Nova Scotia's agricultural hub to the tables of families across the province.

Last summer, Nova Scotia experienced an extended period of severe drought that left between 40 to 50 per cent of the province's crops unmarketable because of their smaller size, according to Emily Lutz, executive director of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Association.

For Naeem and other farmers already stretched thin by unpredictable weather, that meant watching the fruit of their hard work wither in the field with no commercial buyers.

That's where Second Harvest's From the Farm program came in. Designed to meet farmers where they are, the program helps recover more fresh produce while taking the logistical burden off growers. As Mel Jacques, Second Harvest's foodraising manager for Atlantic Canada, put it, the goal is to be farmers' "one call, one stop, actionable way" to make an impact in their community.

Through the partnership with the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Association, our team got in touch with Naeem last October to arrange the pick-up, transportation and distribution of his surplus apples to local non-profit partners.

To Naeem, who's also a physician at IWK Health Centre, finding a home for the apples felt especially personal. These fruits are "powerful additions" to a balanced diet, he said, and he has witnessed firsthand the meaningful difference access to healthy food can make in people's lives.

"Basic nutrition ... is the right of every human being. I believe we should do our best, as much as we can to support that," he said.

From Eco Ponds Organics, about 9,400 pounds of apples were distributed to community food programs in the Annapolis Valley last fall. The remaining apples travelled to the Halifax

Regional Municipality (HRM), where they were distributed to Second Harvest's local non-profit network via a community distribution event in partnership with the JustFOOD Community Food Truck, a refrigerated vehicle owned by the municipal government and dedicated to moving emergency food throughout the city. This partnership reduces the transportation and storage barriers faced by some of our smaller non-profit partners.

In total, 20 non-profit organizations across the province received 17,400 pounds of apples, including community food banks, seniors centres, youth organizations, faith-based organizations, Indigenous communities, and refugee clinics.

For Naeem, the journey of these apples shows what is possible when surplus food is given a path forward.

"I can only do so much on my scale, but if every farmer does a similar thing on their scale, this would make a huge impact on the communities," Naeem said.









How Manitoba Food Processor L.A. Quality Products Is Helping Move Good Food to Communities Across Canada

"If you think about it, there's not a farmer out there who grows a crop so they can get rid of it because it's not perfect," Karin Arendse shared.

Karin and Lourens Arendse, who have been farming together for more than 40 years, are the owners of L.A. Quality Products, a farm and food processor in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

Working closely with growers across the province, L.A. Quality Products sorts, stores, packs and distributes produce at scale, making them an important link between farms and communities — and a key partner in food rescue.

Over decades in agriculture, Karin and Lourens have seen firsthand how much good food goes uneaten simply because it doesn't meet cosmetic standards for retail stores.

"It's kind of a contradiction that there is product to be donated and at the same time, people can't get the food that they need," Karin said. "There's a need and it's important to ask how we can help fulfill that need."

L.A. Quality Products began working with Second Harvest in August 2025 as food rescue efforts expanded across Manitoba. Since then, it has processed more than 3.5 million pounds of potatoes, carrots, onions and squash for donations.

As part of its services, the company also offered Second Harvest storage capacity at a discounted rate so farmers can donate bulk surplus produce, which is then graded and repacked into formats that are easier for distribution. That flexibility is especially important for remote communities.

David Robichaud, manager at L.A. Quality Products, oversees scheduling, sorting, packing and temperature-controlled storage to ensure produce arrives in good condition.

"Second Harvest makes it easy for us," he said. "The relationship we built from the get-go has been easy, simple. It's a great thing to get the food out to families and communities."

For the team at L.A. Quality Products, this partnership is about more than logistics.

"I think we're all in the business of trying to make the world a better place, and that starts with doing what you can with what's around you," Lourens said. "With Canada being such a large country, there's so much opportunity to do more."



Conestoga Cold Storage: A Leader in Food Rescue Logistics

Since 1997, Conestoga Cold Storage has been a steadfast partner in the fight against hunger and food waste with Second Harvest.

The partnership began with food being rescued from Conestoga's location and the donation of warehousing space at its Mississauga facility.

As Second Harvest expanded its network beyond Ontario, Conestoga extended its in-kind support to Calgary and Dorval, giving us the ability to store surplus food on a larger scale and move it more efficiently to food banks, shelters and social service organizations across the country.

In 2026 alone, the company has helped us handle nearly 800,000 pounds of food.

While often invisible to the public, cold storage is a critical link in the food rescue chain. It allows perishable food to be safely stored while transportation and distribution plans are coordinated. Conestoga's expertise in cold-chain operations and its understanding of the complex food supply chain have helped Second Harvest respond quickly to the needs of both food donors and communities while protecting the quality of the food.

As a leading Canadian provider of temperature-controlled warehousing and integrated cold-chain solutions, Conestoga operates facilities in key markets across Canada, providing businesses with the specialized infrastructure and logistics to store and move perishable products. The company has a longstanding commitment to community wellbeing, partnering with organizations that work to feed underserved communities, improve distribution and reduce food waste.





"After working with Second Harvest over the last 30 years, we've seen firsthand what happens when organizations across the food supply chain come together with a shared commitment to reducing food waste and strengthening communities," said Conestoga CEO and Second Harvest Board Member Greg Laurin. "Food rescue depends on collaboration across the entire supply chain, and we're grateful for the opportunity to contribute our facilities, expertise and people to this important work."

The Conestoga team is also an enthusiastic supporter of Second Harvest's annual Truck Pull Challenge, having participated in the event over the past three years, raising crucial funds for over 30,000 meals.

In 2026, we honoured Conestoga's contribution to food rescue and waste reduction with the Leaders in Logistics Award, which recognized logistics partners whose expertise and services make a meaningful contribution to the national food rescue network.

We are deeply grateful to Conestoga for nearly 30 years of partnership, generosity and leadership and looking forward to reaching more communities from coast to coast to coast together.

Powering Food Rescue Through Technology

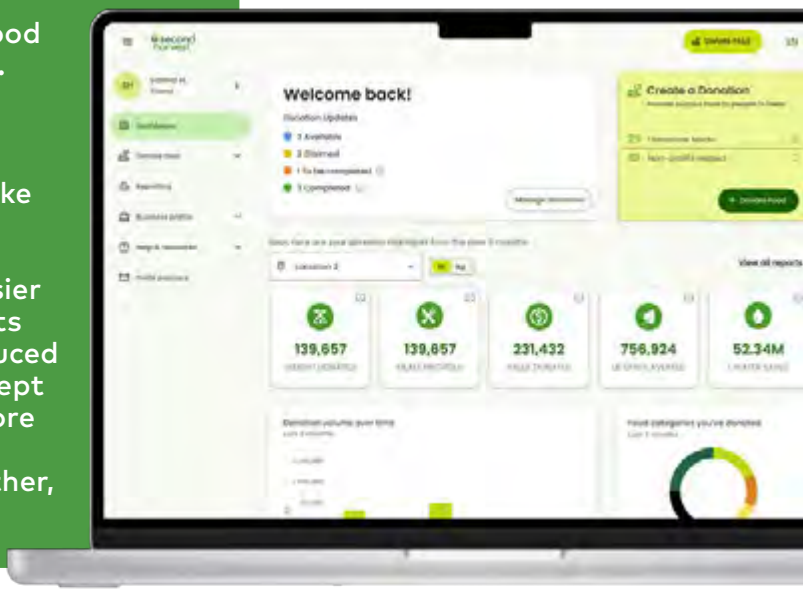
Innovation is a core value at Second Harvest. As we expand our reach across Canada, we continue to strengthen our data capabilities, embrace new technologies and find better ways to work. From improving the food rescue experience to streamlining logistics and automating routine tasks, these efforts help us operate more efficiently and get more good food to the communities that need it.

Enhancing The Second Harvest Food Rescue App

This year, we introduced new features to make food rescue easier for donors and non-profit partners.

A new all-in-one donations page brings together donations at every stage of the rescue process, giving users a single place to find information, take action and monitor activity in real time.

For donors, an enhanced dashboard makes it easier to export donation data, track food rescue efforts and simplify reporting and analysis. We also reduced the steps required for non-profit partners to accept and confirm donations, helping them respond more quickly. Updates to the app's login pages further improve access and navigation, creating a smoother, more intuitive user experience.



Strengthening Logistics Planning and Operational Efficiency

Through Project Innovate, our cross-functional working group collaborates with departments across Second Harvest to review existing processes, identify opportunities for improvement and design more effective ways of working.

Leveraging that knowledge, we're developing a centralized logistics hub to bring together supply chain, logistics and operations information for managing large donations and warehouse space.

Across the organization, automated workflows saved our teams 3,331 hours by streamlining repetitive tasks, including invoicing and support ticket categorization. To address capacity issues proactively, automated email alerts notify teams when warehouse bin levels reach set thresholds.

With AI-assisted research, we have been able to identify more asset-based carriers, local warehousing facilities and cross-dock operations in key markets across Canada where we previously relied on brokers. This broader network of options reduces research time and helps us control costs.

To assess and coach safe driving practices across our fleet, we're exploring AI-enabled forward-facing dash cameras.

Together, these innovations help us make better use of our resources, improve operational reliability and rescue more good food for communities across Canada.

How Food Rescue Turned 300,000 Pounds of Peppers into Meals Across Canada

In early 2026, more than 297,000 pounds of frozen, diced peppers sat in a cold storage facility in Ontario with no end destination.

The peppers were high quality, imported from Turkey and intended to reach plates in Canada.

But when the importer went out of business, their journey to becoming meals abruptly came to a halt.

What remained was a massive volume of nutritious food without a path forward, at risk of being destroyed and wasting all the resources that went into growing and transporting it.

This is a lesser-seen reality of Canada's food system. Some of the food we rely on travels long distances and passes through many hands before it reaches us. When one link in that chain breaks, even perfectly good food can be left without a way to get where it's meant to be.

Second Harvest's team got to work immediately, connecting with partners across our network to identify the storage, processing and distribution capacity to move the peppers where they were needed most.

Packaged in large bulk totes, the peppers had to be repackaged before distribution to fit the realities of community kitchens, food programs and household use.

The majority, 258,000 pounds, were sent to Moisson Montréal, where they were quickly repackaged into one-kilogram bags and distributed across a network of 292 community organizations.

After repackaging, the peppers made their way further east to Nova Scotia.

With support from storage partners in Dartmouth, they were released gradually into the community. Feed Nova Scotia began distributing multiple pallets each week to its network of 130 food banks. Upward Mobility Kitchen used rescued ingredients, including these peppers, to prepare 4,000 meals for people experiencing hunger in Halifax.

A community distribution event organized in partnership with the Halifax Community Food Truck in late May brought 16 local organizations together. Each organization took only what fit its capacity, ensuring the food could be used thoughtfully and without waste. In a single day, 2,800 pounds of peppers were moved into community use and on toward meals.

In Ontario, 39,000 pounds of peppers were set aside for dehydration. With the support of storage partners and Niagara Christian Gleaners, the peppers were processed in batches and transformed into shelf-stable vegetable packs. In this format, their shelf life was extended (as was their reach), supporting both local communities and international food aid efforts.

Across every step of this journey, the focus remained the same: making food usable and ensuring it could be shared in ways that respect the needs and dignity of the people receiving it.





Summary Financial Statements

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Members of Second Harvest Canada | Deuxième Récolte Canada

Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at August 31, 2026, and the summary statement of operations are derived from the audited financial statements of Second Harvest Canada | Deuxième Récolte Canada (the "Organization") for the year ended August 31, 2026.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are a fair summary of the financial statements, on the following criteria by management:

a) The information in the summary financial statements is in agreement with the related information in the complete financial statements; and
b) The summary financial statements contain all the information necessary to avoid distorting or obscuring matters disclosed in the complete financial statements, including the notes therein.

Management determined that the statement of changes in net assets and statement of cash flows does not provide additional useful information, and as such has not included this as part of the summary financial statements.

Summary Financial Statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the Organization's audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

The summary financial statements and the audited financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited financial statements.

The Audited Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial statements in our report dated October 19, 2026.

Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the summary financial statements in accordance with the criteria disclosed above.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent with the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

Hogg, Shain & Scheck PC

Toronto, Ontario
October 19, 2026

Authorized to practise public accounting by the
Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario

Summary Statement of Financial Position

Summary prepared from the Audited Financial Statements year ended August 31, 2026

	2026	2025
Assets		
Current Assets:		
Cash and short-term investments	$ 18,572,414	$ 15,398,504
Accounts receivable	977,145	821,872
Food donations inventory	2,170,103	1,416,946
Prepaid expenses	249,023	346,697
	21,968,685	**17,984,019**
Capital assets, net of amortization	**14,874,404**	**14,056,244**
Total Assets	**$ 36,843,089**	**$ 32,040,263**
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$ 1,493,734	$ 1,200,375
Deferred contributions	5,128,257	2,287,292
Deferred contributions - food donations	2,170,103	1,416,946
	8,792,094	**4,904,613**
Deferred Capital Asset Contributions	**12,939,062**	**12,143,568**
	21,731,156	**17,048,181**
Unrestricted	7,391,054	7,271,203
Contributions for land	1,550,879	1,550,879
Internally restricted		
Operating reserve	5,370,000	5,370,000
Building and capital asset reserve	300,000	300,000
Opportunity reserve	500,000	500,000
	15,111,933	**14,992,082**
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	**$ 36,843,089**	**$ 32,040,263**

Note to the Summary Financial Statements Prepared from the Audited Financial Statements Year Ended August 31, 2026

The criteria applied by management in the preparation of these summary financial statements are as follows:

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Summary Statement of Operations

Summary prepared from the Audited Financial Statements year ended August 31, 2026

	2026	2025
Revenues		
Food donations	$ 564,507,461	$ 400,977,142
Fundraising	22,585,960	18,691,914
School Food Infrastructure Fund - funding	1,800,000	2,045,454
Interest and other	1,663,848	1,334,239
Amortization of capital asset contributions	1,332,154	1,296,960
Contributed volunteer services	476,816	436,358
Training and education	302,019	636,573
	592,668,258	**425,418,640**
Expenses		
Food recovery and delivery:		
Food donations delivered to non-profits	564,507,461	400,977,142
Food Rescue App and National Operations	14,172,376	11,966,077
Other food delivery related costs	8,575,440	6,188,299
School Food Infrastructure Fund - distributions	1,800,000	2,045,454
Amortization of capital assets	1,355,553	1,311,768
Administration	644,216	558,658
Training and education	520,744	1,252,873
Communications and fundraising	495,801	504,209
Donated volunteer services	476,816	436,358
	592,548,407	**425,240,838**
Excess Of Revenues Over Expenses For The Year	**$ 119,851**	**$ 177,802**

Fund & In-Kind Donors For the fiscal year ending in August 31, 2026

Seeding The Future ($1 million+)

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
Agriculture et Agroalimentaire Canada
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- The David Family Foundation
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- The Pottruff Family Foundation
- The Serendipity Foundation
- The Winnipeg Foundation
- Toronto Foundation
- Toronto Wholesale Produce Association
- Trillium Mutual Insurance: ROOTS Community Fund
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For the fiscal year ending in August 31, 2026

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J.E. RUSSELL PRODUCE LTD.
JEFFRIES BROS
VEGETABLE GROWERS
JONLUCA
KFC
KraftHeinz
KROEKER FARMS
LACTALIS CANADA
AQUA FUCHSIA
Lindt
MAÎTRE CHOCOLATIER SUISSE DEPUIS 1845
metro
MILLEN FARMS
Monco Produce Inc.
Mucci FARMS
nature fresh farms
Nestlé
Oatly
OCEANEX
Owen POTATO CO. LTD.
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PFENNING'S ORGANIC
Piller's
UHC Hub of OPPORTUNITIES

100,000+ lbs

10,000+ lbs

- 1001412243 ONTARIO INC
- Abbott Laboratories Limited
- Allen Family Foods
- Amazon
- Ambrosia Natural Foods
- Arla Foods Inc
- Armstrong Foodservice
- Atlantic Grown Organics
- Barrie Hill Farms
- Base Foods
- BC Fresh Delta
- Beauvais Ltée
- Bison Transport Inc
- BMB Foodservice
- Brampton Food Hub
- Broadview Produce Company Inc.
- Buddha Brands
- Burnbrae Farms Limited
- Caledon Produce Farms Ltd
- Calgary Stampede
- Calkins & Burke Ltd
- Canadian Farms Produce Inc.
- Canadian Valley Growers Ltd
- Cargill Foods Limited
- CB Powell
- CDS Cold Storage
- Chef's Warehouse
- Chenail Import-Export
- Chens Enterprises Corporation
- Chick-fil-A Canada
- ColdHaus Direct Inc
- Collective Arts Brewing
- Concord Premium Meats
- CookUnity
- Corinthian Distributors Limited
- Crofters Food Ltd.
- Cultures Gen V
- D&J Coates Farms
- Dawn Foods
- Demand Planners
- Diamond Fruits Ltd
- Dolan Foods
- Dr. Oetker
- Dufferin Market Gardens
- Earth's Own Food Company
- Eco Ponds Organics
- Encompass Sales
- Etter Seed & Processing
- Exceldor Foods Ltd
- Export Packers Company Limited
- Farm Girl Cereal
- Farmer's Fresh Mushrooms
- First National Cares - First National Financial LP
- Flora Food Group
- Foodtastic
- Foster Family Farm
- Fresh Garlic Canada
- Fresh Mark
- Fruits et Légumes Gaétan Bono Inc.
- General Mills Canada
- Giovanni Rana
- GlobalMedic
- Gourmet Trading Co
- Grace Foods Canada Inc.
- Grace Place Food Bank
- Grandmother's Bake Shoppe
- Grocery Innovations Canada
- Grow & Gather
- Halifax Convention Centre
- Harvest Hands
- Harvest Manitoba
- Healthy Planet
- Highbury Canco
- Highland Farms

- Hilary's Salesmaster Inc.
- Hillside Gardens Ltd
- Holburne Mushroom Farm (2005) Limited
- Hormel Foods Corporation
- HP Hood
- Ice River Green Bottle Co.
- I-D Foods Corporation
- Imperial Chilled Juice Inc
- Jenna Foods
- Just Clearouts
- Kozicki Produce
- Leese Enterprises Int. Inc.
- Legends Global
- Les Entrepôts Fruigor
- Les Fermes Lufa
- Les Jardins Vegibec Inc.
- Link Snacks Inc.
- London Food Bank
- Lou's Kitchen
- Manley Sales
- Maple Leaf Foods
- Marilu's Market
- Mariposa Dairy
- Maritime-Ontario
- Mars Canada Inc
- Martin-Brower of Canada Ltd.
- Mastronardi
- Mayfair Parade
- McLean Meats
- Mizu Brands
- MLSE - Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment Ltd
- Moore Orchards
- MSM Fine Foods Inc
- Naturally Homegrown Foods Ltd.
- Nature's Emporium
- Nature's Path Foods
- NBF National Best Food Inc.
- Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op
- Niche Bakers Corp.
- Nikita Foods and Spices Ltd.
- Nith River Milling Inc
- Nova Era Bakery Supply Inc.
- Olymel
- ONI-PACK INC.
- Ontario Food Terminal Board
- Ontario Potato Distributing Inc (OPDI)
- Open Arms Mission
- Osmow's
- Out of the Box Packaging Inc.
- Ovations Food Service
- Oxford Frozen Foods Ltd.
- Pan Asia Food Co., Ltd
- Paris Baguette
- Peak of the Market
- Peter Gubbels - L.C.P Farms Inc
- Peter Igel Group Inc.
- Pinsa Romana Canada
- Post Family Farms - Tall Post Inc
- Protein Candy Canada
- Pur Coco Inc.
- Puratos Canada Inc.
- Rabba Fine Foods
- Ran Foods Inc.
- RBC Royal Bank
- Regeneration Outreach Community
- Regroupement Partage
- Restaurant Brands International
- Restaurants Canada
- RGR Produce
- Richstone Fine Foods Ltd
- Rogers Center
- Rubicon Food Products Limited
- Sai Dham Food Bank
- Savoura
- Schriemer's Family Farm
- Serres Toundra
- Sharon Mushroom Farm Ltd.
- Siliker Canada
- SimplyProtein
- Singh Greenhouses
- SJ Fine Foods
- SmartSweets Inc
- Snyder's Sweet Corn Ltd
- Sodexo Canada Ltd
- Sofina Foods Inc
- Spolumbo's Fine Foods
- Stovel-Siemon Ltd.
- Streef Produce Ltd
- Summer Fresh Salads Inc
- Sun Rich Fresh Foods Inc
- Sunrise Soya Foods
- Sweet Ridge Farms
- Sweets From the Earth
- Sysco
- Temple Lifestyle Inc.
- The Food Bank of York Region
- The Little Potato Company
- Thomas Fresh
- Thompson Terminals
- TI Foods
- Tiffany Gate Foods Inc
- Top Tomato Foods
- Unionville Mushrooms Co Ltd
- Veg Pro International Inc
- Veg-Pak Produce Ltd.
- Victory's Kitchen Ltd
- Vineland Growers Co-Operative Ltd.
- Wallace & Carey Edmonton
- Walmart Canada Inc
- Western Impact Distribution Ltd.
- Western University
- Wild Fork Canada Inc
- Windset Farms
- Winford Foods
- Yamamotoyama
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